

REMARKS

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed April 20, 2007.

The specification and drawing are amended to conform the specification to the language used in claim amendments described below. Particularly, reference designators 19 are added to the Figure, and the specification is amended to recite: "The front surface 12 defines a boundary 19 where the front surface terminates." This is not new matter; it is merely a labeling of existing matter that was previously not referenced.

Also, it is noted that the original paragraph at Page 4, lines 4 - 25 in which this text would be added is too long, and so the specification is also amended to break up this paragraph into five smaller paragraphs. The additional text added by amendment is located in the fourth of these five paragraphs.

Section 102 Rejections

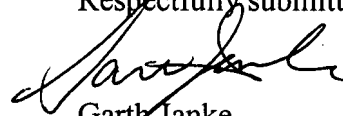
All the claims stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Widman U.S. Patent No. 2,269,748 ("Widman").

The claims are amended to clarify certain distinctions over Widman. First, the claims are amended to positively recite that the farm sink is a kitchen sink, as described in the original specification at Page 3, line 4. Therefore, a bathtub such as Widman, which is neither a sink nor a kitchen fixture, cannot anticipate the claims.

Second, the claims are amended to positively recite the decorative panel, and to clarify, with respect to claim 26, that the decorative panel is within the front surface of the apron, i.e., it

is spaced apart from the boundaries of the apron, and with respect to claim 33, that it is received within the recess in the apron. These are both aspects of the preferred embodiment that are illustrated in the original Figure. They distinguish over Widman because the decorative molding 26 is used to hide the joint between the skirt 23 and the apron 25, and therefore completely covers it. It would not have been obvious to provide either of these aspects in Widman because they would defeat that purpose. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully requested to allow claims 4 - 7, 9, and 26 - 31, and 33 - 37 and pass this case to issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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In the Drawing:

Replace the Figure with the marked-up copy attached hereto, adding reference designators 19, indicating boundaries of the front surface 12 of the apron 17, according to the amendment to the specification below.